

Courtesy and Courage

The life of a congregation is a rich community tapestry of people, programs, ministries, and worship. We lift up the patterns of this tapestry at Unity Church with the threads of monthly themes woven through our worship and programming. These themes deepen our understanding of our faith and strengthen our bonds with one another in religious community.

May courage steel our wills, and love of truth forever guide us.

Rev. Arthur Foote, Minister of Unity Church, 1945-1970

Courage looks you straight in the eye. She is not impressed with powertrippers, and she knows first aid...

The people who told me she is stern were not lying, they just forgot to mention that she is kind.

J. Ruth Gendler, *The Book of Qualities*

One year ago I (Oscar) learned that I would be the candidate as Unity Church's next senior minister. In the year since, courage has been the virtue that I have most often come back to. Courage, for shared ministry in a hurting world. Courage, for leading in the midst of transition. Courage, for the challenge of responding faithfully to an increasingly authoritarian and profoundly corrupt presidential administration. Every week after I preach I walk past Arthur Foote's epigraph in the Sanctuary's entryway, and so this pairing of monthly themes (truth followed by courage) is almost certainly not an accident. We need courage to speak the truth in these times; understanding the truth, in all its complexity, can give us courage.

Twenty-three hundred years ago the Greek philosopher Aristotle placed courage (in Greek *andreia*) on his list of four cardinal virtues. Each virtue, to Aristotle, was located between two vices; in the case of courage, recklessness and cowardice. A courageous person is not a coward — they act when the situation requires it, even at great cost. But neither is the courageous person, to Aristotle, foolhardy. To rush headlong into danger without an understanding of why and to what benefit is not courageous, it is foolhardy.

This makes the quality of discernment central to understanding our courage. Without knowing the situation and

context in which we act, we are not able to act virtuously. But when we ground ourselves in the truth of the moment (in any of the ways we talked about truth last month), we are better equipped to follow the narrow middle path and be courageous.

The second word in our theme this month is courtesy. The juxtaposition of courtesy and courage made some of our theme team queasy, as they are often opposites, especially in a Unitarian Universalist context. To be courteous is to give deference, respect even when it is not deserved, which can easily lead to avoiding hard conversations and confrontations — in Aristotle's terms, falling on the cowardly side of the spectrum. At least one of our members was uncomfortable enough with the juxtaposition to look up etymologies, to see if courtesy and courage are related in that way. They are not, although courage shares a latin root (*cor* – heart) with cordial.

Courtesy is etymologically linked with courtly, the rules and practices (mostly informal) that guide actions in formal settings. This starts to get at one of the intersections between courtesy and courage. At least one school of community organizing argues that to do effective organizing, organizers must know the cultural rules and expectations they are working in. It is only when you know the rules that you can be intentional about when

and how you break them, and it is through that intention that effective social change happens. Organizing, in this model, does not set out to offend or be discourteous as a goal unto itself, but instead measures effective social change by whether or not the system changes. If the best tool to make the change is through working within rules of courtesy, we should do that. If the best tool is outside cultural expectations of behavior, we should be willing to do that instead. Either way, the argument goes, you need to understand what those norms are.

The last piece to note, at the start of the month, is that both courage and courtesy are ultimately relational words. We are not courteous in isolation, nor are we courageous. We need each other to be our best selves, knowing when to consider and when to intervene. When we gather together in worship, or whenever we are part of Unity Church, this is what we are doing: cultivating lives where we are better equipped to act well, even virtuously, in times that desperately need it.

*Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair
with this month's Theme Team*

Theme Resources

For further reflection on the theme, see this month's spiritual practice packet, available online at unityunitarian.org/chalice-circles.



Just Words

Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair, Senior Minister

Why wear a tie to the office in 2025? The answer, for me at least, starts with Saul Alinsky.

The minister of my home congregation in Baltimore, Rev. David Carl Olson, introduced me to congregational ministry, and congregation-based community organizing (CBCO). This model of community organizing started with Saul Alinsky and the Industrial Areas Foundation, but eventually included offshoots and partners like Gamaliel, Acorn, DART, and Faith in Action. Here in Minnesota, ISIAH uses a similar model. While the specifics of the work of each of these organizations vary, they share some basic assumptions about what makes organizing effective.

“The failure of many of our younger activists to understand the art of communication has been disastrous” Alinsky wrote in 1971. He continues,

If I were organizing in an orthodox Jewish community I would not walk in there eating a ham sandwich, unless I wanted to be rejected so I could have an excuse to cop out. My “thing,” if I want to organize, is solid communication with the people in the community. Lacking communication I am in reality silent; throughout history silence has been regarded as assent — in this case assent to the system.

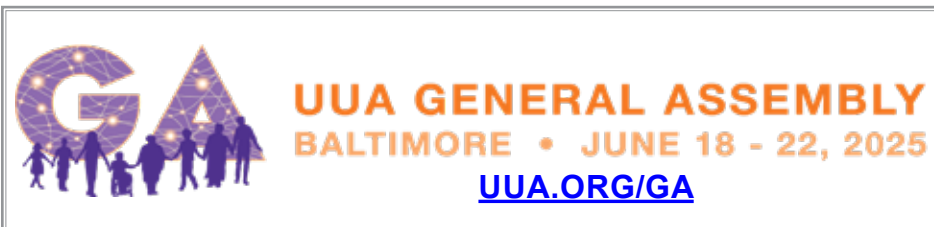
As an organizer I start from where the world is, as it is, not as I would like it to be. That we accept the world as it is does not in any sense weaken our desire to change it into what we believe it should be — it is necessary to begin where the world is if we are going to change it to what we think it should be. That means working in the system.

(Alinsky, *Rules for Radicals*, 1971)

At our theme team meeting this month we spent a lot of time talking about the pairing of courtesy and courage; at first reading, they seem opposed. Certainly courtesy is often used to duck out of moments where courage is called for, becoming the excuse to not speak or act out.

But to Alinsky, to David, and by extension me, courtesy is a tool for organizing, a tool to channel courage into effective action. If you are trying to change the mind of a conservative county attorney (to use a totally-hypothetical-example), there is a time for protests and chants, and a time for meetings where the focus is the content, not the delivery. Sometimes that looks (for this straight cis man) like showing up to the courthouse in a jacket and tie. Knowing the quiet rules of the culture we are trying to change, the courtly courtesies, is a tool we can use to effect the change we seek.

This is not a unanimous position in community organizing! In the fifty years since Alinsky published *Rules for Radicals* there have been plenty of critiques of his methods and the model he created: critiques that we will take up in the worship service on March 9. Despite the critiques, it is the model that formed me and that I think about every morning, putting on a tie before heading to the office.



The Wheel of Life

In Memoriam

Patrick Diamond

June 28, 1960– February 9, 2025

Congregational Care

Request Care

Do you have a concern or celebration you wish to have shared in the Embracing Meditation during Sunday worship? Would you like to request a call from the Minister or a helping hand or listening ear of a Care Team member? Send an email to pastoralcare@unityunitarian.org. If you are experiencing an urgent need for pastoral support, call 651-300-9123.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands provide valuable and rewarding specific and time-limited assistance with practical tasks including:

- Writing cards or emails to those mentioned in the Embracing Meditation
- Making or purchasing a meal to be delivered to a congregant
- Knitting a comfort shawl
- Walking a dog for someone who temporarily cannot do that
- Helping with shopping or rides
- Assisting with memorials

Interested? Email Rev. Lara Cowtan at lara@unityunitarian.org.

Join the Care Team

Our Care Team provides a vital way in which church members generously give and receive compassionate care to those in times of transition, sorrow and joy. Care team members are commissioned by the church and supervised by the Minister of Congregational Care. Interested? Email Rev. Lara at lara@unityunitarian.org.

SUNDAY SERVICES | OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Sunday Services

Sunday services are held at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., except where noted. The 9:00 a.m. service is also offered via livestream. Find the livestream links and sermon podcasts at unityunitarian.org/sunday-services.

March 2: Barnraising

Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair

For years, Unity Church has joined with other congregations around the Twin Cities and the world is proclaiming the dignity of each person, and the need for fair and affordable housing in our community. Housing is an issue that lives at the intersection of the individual and collective: what makes a house a home is deeply personal, but we all have a stake in creating a community of homes.

March 9: Organizing as Spiritual Practice

Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair

In his landmark *Rules for Radicals*, Saul Alinsky cautions organizers to practice the skills of being heard. “Lacking communication,” he writes, “I am in reality silent; throughout history silence has been regarded as assent — in this case assent to the system.” Organizing, like any spiritual practice, is a discipline with tools and methods developed over time. What lessons do those tools hold for this moment?

March 16: Holding Hands, Walking with the Wind

Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair

John Lewis and the other leaders of the American Civil Rights movement were clear about the relationship between power, relationship, and organized action. In the midst of storms, we reach for each other’s hands.

March 23: Defying the Nazis – A Call for Courage

Rev. Lara Cowtan

On the precipice of World War II, a time when most Americans were turning a blind eye to the growing social injustice and totalitarian threat in Europe, the Unitarian Universalist Association — alerted to the dire situation by their fellow congregation in Prague — was committed to saving as many people as possible. The story of Unitarian Universalists Rev. Waitstill and Martha Sharp is one that bears retelling today, to explore what message the past has for our future. Note: The congregation will practice an emergency evacuation after each service. See page 4 for details.

March 30: Between Cowardice and Recklessness

Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair

Courage, to Aristotle, is a virtue located between two vices: cowardice and recklessness. In times that call for great courage, but also great discernment, how do we chart a course between obstacles, and in doing so live courageously?

Offering Recipients

Each week, sixty percent of our Sunday offering is given to a community non-profit and forty percent supports the Community Outreach Ministry at Unity Church. Donations are gratefully accepted online at bit.ly/sundayoffering.

March 2: Housing Justice Team

Unity's [Housing Justice Community Outreach Ministry Team](#) works to help every Minnesotan find and keep a home. The team partners with organizations that shape policy and create housing, and works to dismantle the structural racism that allows housing injustice. At a time when public funding for housing is more uncertain than ever, your generosity will support educational programs and provide supplies for families moving into new, affordable housing.

March 9: Irreducible Grace Foundation

The [Irreducible Grace Foundation](#) (IGF) works to create safe space and healing opportunities for youth of color. IGF provides mentoring, life skills, employment, self-care practices, and safe space for teens and young adults. Through the use of visual and performing arts and movement techniques they help young people learn new skills for dealing with stress and trauma and fostering their voice. This collection will help pay the young professionals who share their skills and talents with the program.

March 16: The Bridge for Youth

[The Bridge for Youth](#) empowers youth experiencing homelessness through safe shelter, basic needs, and healthy relationships. Their programs include emergency shelter and transitional housing for youth; individual, family, and group counseling; and specialized case management for crime victims and youth who identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color and/or LGBTQ+. This collection will support phone and text crisis intervention as well as street and mobile outreach.

March 23: Altrusa International

[Altrusa International](#) works for the well-being of international families struggling to plant roots in St. Paul. Their primary focus is childhood literacy, workforce training and emergency food assistance. This collection will support their partnership with The Sandwich Man, an organization working daily to distribute sandwiches to people without homes in the Twin Cities.

March 30: Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

[Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota](#) (ILCM) aims to enhance opportunities for immigrants and refugees by providing legal services to low-income clients regardless of nationality or legal status. Its three-pronged model — direct legal services, education, and advocacy — allows ILCM to respond to and prevent legal problems. This collection will help clients secure legal status and obtain work authorization and citizenship.



Gratitude from the Board

Marcia Hayes, Board of Trustees

Thank you to all who participated in the listening sessions to imagine our new Ends! Your board is grateful for your time spent listening closely, reflecting deeply, and wishing bravely. We also extend our thanks to our facilitators

who created the space for us, focused our energy, and kept us on time. We hope that you found the sessions to be a source of meaningful connection, and we have heard your appreciation for the opportunity to hear others' stories.

This is important work and trustees have been listening carefully to you share your stories. We are listening for themes, seeing where the energy is, and learning what unites the room in excitement. During March, we will categorize the wishes and story highlights into the framework of within, among, and beyond. We also look to your story highlights to find our strengths, and your wishes to pull us into the future. The board will hold a retreat in late March to draft the new Ends based on our reflections. We will continue our discernment in April, and plan to share the new Ends in May.

With the release of the new Ends in May, the Evaluation Committee is gearing up to hold the congregational survey before the end of the church year in June. The survey questions will be updated with the new Ends, providing the congregation with a baseline to measure our progress. Our Executive Team will use the results during their annual retreat as they plan programming for the next church year.

You will soon hear from our Recruitment Committee as well. This group is responsible for the recruitment process for new trustees. They are starting earlier this year, with applications due before the end of the church year. If you are curious about board work, any current trustee is happy to discuss board service with you. Watch for more information!

New this year is the Reparations Committee. This group continues our work from last year, using the Currier Fund to support the work of Minnesota-based reparations. They have developed a charge and set goals for the year. Mindful of the double-helix structure of Unity's antiracist work, their charge includes the growth of the congregation in their ability to engage with reparations, partnership with neighborhood congregations, and work with the St. Paul Reparations Committee.

I hope this has been illuminating in detailing the whats and whens of the board. But I want to leave you with the why. When I read the news or lament the lack of snow in a Minnesota winter, I feel small with my worry for the world. But Unity Church still does the work. We bring courageous action, show up for racial justice, and joyfully clap along during the youth musical. For it is by creating the Beloved Community that we find our power and our joy.

Emergency Evacuation Drill Sunday, March 23, after each service!

At the close of each service on Sunday March 23, we will practice an evacuation drill together. Everyone in the building will evacuate with no stops for personal belongings. **After evacuating, meet at House of Hope Park across Grotto Street on the west side of the building.** This keeps us the required 100 feet away from the building.



How will we find the exit?

Exit signs, staff and volunteers will be in each hallway directing the way out.

How will our children evacuate?

Teachers and helpers will accompany children out of the building. Nursery personnel and other helpers assigned to the nursery will carry children out of the building as needed. Please meet your children at House of Hope Park. Do not go to the lower level to retrieve children as this blocks the exits and delays evacuation.

How will people with mobility challenges evacuate?

Please help people who need assistance. Do not use the elevator! Instead, you can find evacuation chairs on the upper level next to the drinking fountain across from the Anderson Library and on the lower level by the purple fire doors.

How will the evacuation drill end?

We will sweep the building to ensure everyone has evacuated. When we sound the all-clear, you can return for your personal belongings, coffee, and fellowship.

What if the weather is awful March 23?

We will reschedule for Sunday, April 6.

What else should we know?

The fire alarm is very loud and comes with flashing strobe lights to catch everyone's attention.

How else can we help make this fire drill a success?

Quietly notify people who come into the Sanctuary after the announcement at the beginning of each service about the drill. Help visitors find exits.

Additional questions?

Contact Laura Park at laura@unityunitarian.org. Thank you for your cooperation!

BELOVED COMMUNITY STAFF TEAM

Where Does Your Body Begin and End?

Mike Huber, Guest Writer

This question came up when I was reading *Sacred Gender: Create Trans and Nonbinary Spiritual Connections* by Ariana Serpentine for a Queer Theology discussion group. When I first heard this question, thinking how my thoughts and ideas can extend from my own mind to those in my family or community and maybe even society as a whole, I inadvertently shifted the question to “Where do I end?”

In our Queer Theology discussion group, the conversation stayed focused on how our bodies are a part of and apart from the world, something I seldom thought about. We talked about the diverse ways we express or present ourselves. We may dress so others perceive us as a potential romantic partner, a potential hire for a job, or even dress to let others know we want to be left alone. *Sacred Gender* points out that all of us wear clothing and accessories as gender cues to alert others as to how we want to be perceived. This led us to parse out how our internal sense of identity is tied to how others perceive us. It feels good when others see us the way we see ourselves.

The conversation took a different turn when someone brought up the fact that the cells in our bodies are literally made from the nutrients in our food which comes from the plants and animals we eat. The oxygen and water that sustain our bodies have traveled the planet passing through creatures throughout time. The line between my body and the rest of the world suddenly didn't seem so obvious.

This discussion deepened my understanding of Queer Theology. My original understanding had to do with how interpretations of the Bible and other religious texts could be broadened when considering LGBTQ+ people. As I read more, what struck me was the use of the word “queer” as a verb. “Queering” is the act of questioning boundaries

that are often accepted as if they are universal truths, rather than simply social norms left unquestioned. The discussion that opened this article is an example of queering the dichotomy of self and the world.

Queering can be applied to Biblical text. In his book, *Trans-Gender: Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith*, Justin Sabia-Tanis points out that though the Bible says God separated light from darkness and “called” them day and night, sunrise and sunset are times when those terms are blurred. And for many, those times are the most transcendent. The labels we give things imply clear and distinct entities, but the real world (or God's creation from a theist point of view) is full of ambiguity.

Back to my original question: “Where does your body begin and end?” Queer Theology has giving me a fresh perspective on the false dichotomy of mind and body. The idea that I somehow exist in my thoughts, and I simply inhabit a body can cause me to think my experience is universal; everyone would have the same thoughts as me if they were simply as enlightened. This is as offensive as it is destructive. The notion that my body and mind are separate entities actually separates me from others. When I acknowledge that I don't have a body but that I *am* a body — that all I think, believe and know is based on my experiences, whether sensory, social or intellectual — I approach others with curiosity and compassion. Mind/body dualism creates division not only individually but also interpersonally.

My journey into Queer Theology is just beginning, but it resonates with being Unitarian (oneness) and Universalist (wholeness). Questioning where my body ends and the world begins, leads me to wonder if that is where love is. Not power, not norms... but love.

Notes:

- At Unity Church, the LGBTQ+ group coordinates some of the LGBTQ+ programming with the congregation. Past events have included our Queer Retreat, conversation groups, and advocacy. For more information, contact Philippa Anastos at philippa@unityunitarian.org.

- For more information about inclusion and equity in the Unitarian Universalist Association, visit “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Justice” at uua.org/lgbtq.



Longtime Unity Church member Mike Huber is an award-winning early childhood educator and author of several books, including [Inclusion Includes Us: Building Bridges and Removing Barriers to Include All Children and Adults in Early Childhood Classrooms](#). He is co-host of the podcast, [Teaching with the Body in Mind](#), has served on the board of the Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children (MnAEYC) and Child Care Aware MN, consulted for the MN Department of Education, and is one of the founding members of [Transforming Families MN](#).



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Welcome Words

Philippa Anastos, Membership Coordinator and Program Assistant

This year, I've been reflecting on radical hospitality — especially how it applies to those already in our community. True hospitality goes beyond a simple welcome; it means extending kindness beyond convenience, embracing

differences, and offering generosity without expectation. Strangely, it's often easier to do this for strangers than for those we know well. But we are always growing, bringing new thoughts and perspectives with us each week. This month, take a moment to truly see someone you know and welcome them anew.

Finding Yourself at Unity

Sundays 10:15 a.m. | Center Room | Childcare available

This is our weekly class for visitors and newcomers. Join the repeating eight-session cycle at any time and attend the sessions in any order! Watch our weekly email for class topics or contact Philippa Anastos, Membership Coordinator and Program Assistant, philippa@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456 x110.

Volunteer to Give Rides

We're looking for volunteers to give fellow community members rides to church. Your kindness and support will help others connect and participate. If you're able to assist, please consider volunteering today! For more information, contact Philippa Anastos, Membership Coordinator and Program Assistant, philippa@unityunitarian.org or 651-228-1456 x110.

Lectio Divina

Join the sacred experience of listening, contemplating, and responding to inspirational texts. Though the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina is centuries-old, typically utilizing Scripture, Unitarian Universalists use contemporary poetry. Participants report that Lectio Divina is "rejuvenating" and "insightful." Each second Wednesday and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:10 p.m. on Zoom; or Zoom from the Gannett Room at Unity on Wednesdays. Led by Lisa Wersal or Shelley Butler. Questions? Contact Shelley at library@unityunitarian.org.

Sangha Practice

Tuesdays | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | Ames Chapel

At the heart of Buddhist practice is the commitment to awaken — to step into our doubts and predicaments and hear the roaring of life at the still point of a turning universe. Through weekly practice of meditation, we discover a clarity of mind attentive and accountable to each moment of life's flow, and touch the mystery of our original face. This group is open to anyone interested, no experience is necessary, and instructions will be provided.

Fellowship Groups

Email Philippa Anastos at philippa@unityunitarian.org to get connected.

Afterthoughts: Sundays, 10:15 a.m., Middle School Room 021, to discuss the service

Caregivers Support Group: third Thursday of the month at noon, Zoom

Evergreen Quilters: second Tuesday of the month, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Anderson Library, and fourth Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m.-noon, off-site.

Families Living with Mental Health Challenges: third Saturday of each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Zoom

Living With Grief Group: third Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Zoom

Men's Coffee Group: Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Center Room, for light-hearted conversation

Men's Conversation Group: March 3, 17, and 31, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Zoom. Discuss a range of topics, offer support, and connect.

Men's Retirement Circle: Monday, March 10 and 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Robbins Parlor

New Look at the Bible meets the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Recovery from White Conditioning: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Zoom

Textile Arts Group: first and third Friday of the month, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Crothers Room, bring your knitting, stitching, etc.

Unity Book Club: second Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Zoom. On March 10 the group will discuss: *Our Unfinished March: The Violent Past and Imperiled Future of the Vote* by Eric Holder and Sam Koppelman

Women in Retirement: second and fourth Thursday of each month, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Center Room

Young Adult Group (ages 18-35): every other Wednesday at 7:10 p.m., Center Room

New Groups Now Forming

Parents of Teens: Many of the support structures that surround us when we have small children fade away as our children get older. If this isolation frustrates you, and you want to spend time with a group of parents sharing in the joy and struggle of raising teenagers, reach out to Gail Mulcahey at gtbmulcahey@gmail.com. We are still determining the best format and meeting time for this group!

Mid-adults Group: Middle adulthood brings a host of changes and challenges in all facets of life. How do we live our values as we navigate those changes? If you have been searching for a group that lies between the Young Adults Group and the retirement groups here at Unity Church, reach out to Tom Coffee at tomcoff@pm.me.

WELLSPRING WEDNESDAY

A multigenerational weeknight at church!

Dinner: 5:45 p.m. | Chapel service: 6:45 p.m. | Programming: 7:10 p.m. — childcare provided!

Details and Zoom links at unityunitarian.org/wellspring-wednesday.

March 5

Dinner: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, blondies

Lenten Series Part 1 | Parish Hall

For the early church, the season of Lent marked the "lengthening" of days and a period of deepening spiritual life. Practices such as prayer, fasting, self-examination, and almsgiving took on heightened significance, opening our lives and nurturing connections to something greater than ourselves. In this three-part spirituality series with Revs. Oscar Sinclair, Lara Cowtan, and KP Hong, we come together to explore and share our understanding of spirituality, engage in specific forms of practice, and step further in cultivating practices that ground us in our faith and ministry in a rapidly changing world.

Religious Education New Family Orientation | Gannett Room

Learn about Unity's religious education programs for children and youth. Email Nelson Moroukian at nelson@unityunitarian.org one week in advance if you plan to attend.

Beginner Violin | Choir Room

Join Mayra Mendoza for beginning violin lessons appropriate for all ages. Email mayraquitzia@hotmail.com by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday to ensure a lesson.

March 12

Dinner: Sausage and peppers, polenta, salad, molasses cookies

Hymn Sing | Robbins Parlor and Zoom

At each session group members sing the hymn and discuss its music, text, history, and theology, while also sharing personal reflections on the music and its meaning.

Lectio Divina | Zoom (from Gannett Room on Wednesdays)

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The Land Is Not Empty Discussion | Room TBD and Zoom

Join us for an ongoing discussion about Sarah Augustine's book, *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. Augustine draws on the history of our society and the church, as well as her lived experience within the Mennonite and Tewa pueblo communities, to help readers confront the complexities of the Doctrine of Discovery.

Beginner Violin | Choir Room

Email mayraquitzia@hotmail.com to ensure a lesson.

March 19

Dinner: Sloppy Joes, mac-n-cheese, broccoli, chocolate cookies

Lenten Series Part 2 | Parish Hall

In this three-part spirituality series with Revs. Oscar Sinclair, Lara Cowtan, and KP Hong, we come together to explore and share our understanding of spirituality, engage in specific forms of practice, and step further in cultivating practices that ground us in our faith and ministry in a rapidly changing world.

Justice Learning Partners (JLP) | Zoom

This is an opportunity to acknowledge injustice and interrupt it with honest storytelling. JLP is a recognition that oppressive systems are inextricably linked, and as MLK said, "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." This is but one step toward transforming ourselves into members of the beloved community, a.k.a. justice-seeking people. We'll do this by highlighting useful books, podcasts, and videos, and inviting you to team up with others to choose a resource and make plans to read, listen to, or watch it individually and then discuss in the weeks that follow.

Beginner Violin | Choir Room

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March 26

Dinner: Miso-glazed vegetables, rice, salad, banana cake

Lenten Series Part 3 | Parish Hall

In this three-part spirituality series with Revs. Oscar Sinclair, Lara Cowtan, and KP Hong, we come together to explore and share our understanding of spirituality, engage in specific forms of practice, and step further in cultivating practices that ground us in our faith and ministry in a rapidly changing world.

Considering Five Theological Questions | Room TBD

In five previous sessions, adult members and friends of Unity Church explored our five theological questions. For this final gathering of the series, all those who would like to formulate their thoughts about the questions into a more formal credo statement are invited to share their statement of faith.

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Saturday  
March 1  
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Doors Open  
5:30 PM

Live Auction  
7:00 PM  
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Advanced admission, including food and beverages: \$20.00
Fun, fellowship, and exciting bidding.
Childcare available.

Visit unityunitarian.org/fundraiser for details.

Prefer to make a financial contribution?
Please visit unityunitarian.org/make-a-gift.html and select
"Fundraiser Donation" from the drop-down menu.

Unity Church–Unitarian presents the 36th Annual Youth Musical

A HAPPY LITTLE YAK-CIDENT



Starring Unity's 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders
Music and Lyrics by Sandy Waterman
Written and Directed by Mary Blouin Auffert



PERFORMANCES

In the Sanctuary at Unity Church
Thursday, March 20 | 7:00 PM
Friday, March 21 | 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 22 | 4:00 PM



TICKETS

\$5/child, \$10/adult, \$20/family
Purchase tickets at the door
on the night of the performance or in
Parish Hall on Sunday, March 16.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Act for the Earth

Movie Night: *Wasted! The Story of Food Waste*
Friday, March 7 | 6:00 p.m. | Robbins Parlor

Many people ask "What can I do about climate change?" Reducing food waste is one of the most powerful tools we have. Please join Unity's Act for the Earth Team as we watch and discuss the Primetime Emmy Winner, *Wasted! The Story of Food Waste* (2017). An informative, entertaining documentary, *Wasted!* takes you around the world, showing the 1.3 billion tons of food that gets thrown out each year and the people fighting hardest to prevent it. Pizza and salad will be served during the movie (donations appreciated!).



Climate Action Gathering: Project 1461

Sunday, March 9 | 12:45-2:30 p.m. | Robbins Parlor

Unity Church member Don Arnosti will share his response to environmental threats in the current political climate. Don has a long career in environmental advocacy. Come for lunch (donations welcome) and to be in community as we learn and gain strength from each other. Contact Anna Newton at asnewton3@gmail.com for more information.

Active Hope for the New Now

Saturday, March 22 | 9:00 a.m.-noon | Robbins Parlor

Registration: bit.ly/ahnewnow

We are in a time of disruption and uncertainty in this country. The values and norms we have depended on are not what's guiding many decisions at the federal level. Not only are our efforts to save the earth from climate changes threatened but many other rights and services we care about are under attack. It truly is a "new now." This three-hour workshop is designed to build our capacity to stay engaged and work for positive change, even with this new reality. We can develop what Joanna Macy, eco-philosopher and activist, calls *Active Hope* by determining the future we want and taking actions that contribute to it, becoming part of what she calls *the Great Turning*. In this workshop we will use the format of the Active Hope Spiral: Grounding ourselves in gratitude, opening to honor our pain, and being inspired through seeing with new and ancient eyes in order to create a plan of action for going forth.



The workshop is offered free of charge (with donations welcome) by Unity's Act for the Earth Team and Twin Cities Work That Reconnects.

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Indigenous Justice Team

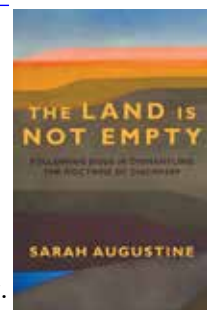
Author Sarah Augustine Coming to the Twin Cities

Sarah Augustine, co-founder and executive director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, will make a series of appearances in the Twin Cities on April 4 and 5. Sarah is a Pueblo (Tewa) descendant and the co-founder of Suriname Indigenous Health Fund (SIHF), where she has advocated for vulnerable Indigenous Peoples since 2004

Sponsored by the Twin Cities Repair Communities for Makoce Ikiccupi, Sarah will present a lecture, "Embodying Solidarity with Indigenous People by Becoming Kin," on Friday evening, April 4, 7:00 p.m., at United Theological Seminary in New Brighton. This talk is open to the public at no charge; doors open at 6:15 p.m.

On Saturday, April 5, Sarah, together with other staff from the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, will lead the workshop "Decolonization and Organizing for Systems Change," to be held at Unity Church from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This training is designed for those wanting to review or learn the fundamentals of grassroots organizing through a decolonizing framework. It will be delivered in two interactive modules and is intended to support those ready to move beyond education and into organizing their networks around a structural change or land recovery campaigns at local, state, or federal levels. The workshop will be offered in person and on Zoom. There is no charge for the workshop; the accompanying workbook can be purchased on site for \$40. Registration is required: bit.ly/augwork.

Following the workshop, at 3:00 p.m., there will be an informal discussion with Sarah at Unity Church about her book, *This Land is Not Empty — Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. The discussion is especially intended for participants of Unity's Indigenous Justice book read but is open to anyone who has read the book. This event is in person only.



Movie Night: *Bad River*

Friday, April 11 | 6:00 p.m. | Robbins Parlor

Unity's Act for the Earth, Indigenous Justice, and Racial Justice Teams are hosting a movie night (pizza dinner included)!



Bad River is a documentary chronicling the Wisconsin-based Bad River Band and its ongoing fight for sovereignty. The story unfolds in a groundbreaking way through a series of shocking revelations, devastating losses, and a powerful legacy of defiance and resilience including a David vs. Goliath battle with Canadian energy company, Enbridge, to save Lake Superior, the largest freshwater resource in America. As Eldred Corbine, a Bad River Tribal Elder declare, "We gotta protect it... die for it, if we have to."

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Gun Violence Prevention Team

Bob Albrecht, Gun Violence Prevention Team

We now have details about the 2025 Legislative Advocacy Day on Wednesday morning, March 19! Plan to be at the state capitol at 9:00 a.m. to join members of Unity's Gun Violence Prevention Team and other church friends as we combine our voices with those of gun safety advocates from across Minnesota. The work of amazing community partners will be highlighted, and information will be shared about secure storage and Extreme Risk Protection Order implementation.

We have learned that because of construction at the Capitol, meetings with legislators will be held in their districts rather than on Advocacy Day. Postcards will be provided so those present may write to urge continued support of gun violence prevention legislation.

If you have questions or would like information about carpooling to advocacy day, please contact Barbara Ford, brford839@gmail.com, or Bob Albrecht, Bob@BobAlbrechtRealEstate.com. We would be so pleased to have you present on this especially significant day!

Obama-JJ Hill School Team

Nancy Heege, Obama-JJ Hill School Team

Unity Church members are currently in the process of reviewing our Ends Statements. The second statement says, "Ground ourselves in personal practice and communal worship that grows our capacity for wonder and spiritual deepening." Each Sunday during the Embracing Meditation, the ministers bring our attention to those "whose primary spiritual practice is caring for children."

Unity volunteers who go to JJ Hill School to work with the children each week are among those who see their work with children as spiritual practice. Our interactions with children are frequently opportunities for growing our capacity for wonder and spiritual deepening. We go there with the intention of sharing our commitments to children and staff, hoping that our values of care and love and our concern for the future of these children and of the city will make a positive difference. In doing so, we "step up and step out," a phrase we heard in the recent gathering of Unity's ten Community Ministry Outreach Teams. We step up when we commit to spending quality time with the children, and we step out into the larger community of school staff and families. They come to know us, and we are accountable to them.

The church has at least a 30-year relationship with "the school across the street." Next fall, JJ Hill Montessori Elementary School will become Barack and Michelle Montessori Elementary School and will move into the newly renovated building. Our volunteers will continue to be engaged with the school community, present and accountable. We invite you to consider joining us. It's a spiritual practice!

Housing Justice Team

Cleaning House? Bring us your goods!

Provide much-needed household items for families moving out of shelter at Project Home and into more permanent housing. We will be collecting the following items on **Saturday, March 8, and 29, 9:00-11:30 a.m., at Unity Church**. Come to the east side parking lot (off of Holly Avenue) to the side doors. Volunteers will be waiting inside and ready to load your donations directly from your car into theirs. This is a combined effort of Unity's Housing Justice Team and Evergreen Quilters. Questions? Contact Janice Gestner at janicemgg@comcast.net or Barb Rogne at bzrogne27@gmail.com.

All items should be new or gently used and clean (please, no chips, cracks or stains): dish sets, pots, pans, baking and storage items, waste baskets, small appliances, flatware and knife sets, Corning Ware, brooms, cutting boards, dish cloths and towels, and/or new bedsheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths, mattress pads.

Be a Weekend Warrior

We're looking for groups of 3-6 adults to participate in weekend meal teams at Provincial House in Saint Paul. Volunteers assist with serving meals, visiting with guests, and clean up. For details and to sign up visit bit.ly/ucuph. Questions? Email Donna Franklin at dfranklin@interfaithaction.org.

Asylum and Faithful Hospitality

Families seeking asylum in our community face an overflow in emergency shelters. Born out of this need, the Faithful Hospitality initiative partners with local houses of worship to provide shelter for these families. Want to learn more? Please contact Annessa Ihde at aihde@interfaithaction.org.

Support Hallie Q. Brown Foodshelf

The *good* news is that during the month of January we donated 304 pounds of food and household supplies! For March the food shelf requests: soup, tuna, canned chicken, long grain rice, pasta sauce, canned diced tomatoes and tomato sauce. Donation boxes are located at the Portland and Holly Avenue entrances. Financial donations to can be made online at hallieqbrown.charityproud.org/donate.



The *sad* news from Hallie Q. Brown is that they closed their childcare program on January 24. The program operated for 96 years and this is a significant loss for the community. You can read about the closure in the February 13 edition of The Pioneer Press.

LIBRARY-BOOKSTALL



Showing Up to Get it Right

Shelley Butler, Library-Bookstall Team

A brave worship associate talked once about his quest to increase his cultural literacy after being disappointed in the results of his IDI (Intercultural Development Inventory). He sincerely dedicated himself to reading and learning for a year (I believe), took the IDI again, and his numbers were essentially the same. What happened?

This January, I wrote that every day is another chance to get it right, and then in February, about another chance at another chance to get it right. This month, I've been thinking about something Rev. Oscar said in a sermon in November:

Courage is a legacy of this place that we will carry forward. We will show up to search for meaning to build a nobler world than we have known today; never abandoning the future to the opponent, but laying claim to it.

The Justice Learning Partners (JLP) program is about showing up to get it right; showing up to the search for meaning to build a nobler world. Is it the only way to show up? Certainly not. Is it even the most important way to show up? Perhaps not, but it is a step most anyone can take in the right direction of laying claim to the world as we want it to be.

So, what is JLP anyway? It is an opportunity to join others in a search for greater truth, deeper understanding, and new perspectives in an effort to dismantle oppression in all its forms. You can read books and listen to podcasts by yourself, but the knowledge, experience, and wisdom that comes from a justice learning partnership or group is exponential.

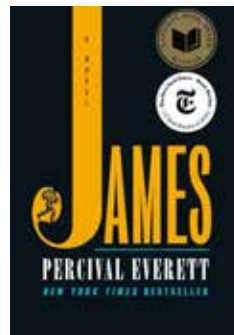
How does it work? You come to JLP on Zoom and choose a resource (or contact me if you can't attend the session). We'll match you with others interested in that same resource, and provide a discussion guide. Pairs or groups then create their own meeting schedule over eight weeks or so, report on their experience at the next meeting, and take what they've gained from the program out into the world and their everyday lives.

Formerly called "Antiracism Literacy Partners," our small team has been vetting resources, creating discussion guides, and holding justice learning sessions for four and a half years now at Unity Church.

Our next JLP session is on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:10 p.m. on Zoom. See the Wellspring Wednesday description on page 7 of this newsletter for more information and the link to register.

Being offered for the first time is *James: A Novel* by Percival Everett, a National Book Award winner, and shortlisted for the Booker Prize, among many other awards and accolades. Maybe you have read it already or maybe you haven't, but what is offered here is an opportunity to take a more thorough look and learn from your fellow justice partners.

I'll leave you with a question we asked at the last JLP session: *What are those things that you want to show up for?*



In The Justice Database

bit.ly/JusticeData

In The Justice Database *and* in the information kiosks at Unity Church *and* in the Unity Library Catalog: Know your rights and find advice on protecting yourself in this guide, *Resist: Pink Unicorn Guide, 2STGE+ Survival Zine & Community Organizing Toolkit* by Trans Resistance Network.



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Have you ever wondered...

Pauline Eichten for the Archives Team

Have you ever wondered...

Who was Edward Blake Young?
There's a plaque in the Unity Church narthex dedicated to him. He sounds like an upstanding person, but who was he? A search online unearthed the following information.

Mr. Young was born in Newton, Massachusetts, on January 14, 1864, when his father was a professor of Oriental Languages and president of Harvard Divinity School. Young graduated from Harvard University in 1885.

After graduation he came to St. Paul to study law with his uncle, George Brooks Young, former Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court and a partner in a prominent law firm in the city and state.

Edward Young was admitted to the Minnesota bar in 1887 and became the junior member in his uncle's firm, Young & Lightner, in 1892. Upon the death of Judge Young, he entered into partnership in 1906 with W. H. Lightner under the name of Lightner & Young. He continued the practice of law until his death on May 25, 1927.

Mr. Young was a faithful and dedicated member of Unity Church where he was a trustee* and superintendent of the Sunday School. He was also a member of several clubs; on the board of United Charities, the charities and donations committee of the St. Paul Association; director of the St. Paul Institute; very active with the Boy Scouts; and vice-president of the Minnesota State Historical Society. In tribute to Mr. Young, the state historical building was closed from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on the day of his funeral.



minnesotalegalhistoryproject.org

He never sought or held public office, preferring to participate in the life of the city through associations, clubs and volunteering. Many of the important figures of St. Paul — bankers, businessmen, politicians, lawyers, religious leaders, educators and others — belonged to the same clubs and organizations where they met, discussed and planned ways to meet its needs. This was the milieu where he served the community, where he was known as a "civic worker."

*[The Unity Church collection at MNHS](#) has two volumes of Board of Trustees meeting minutes from 1891-1919. See Location 152.K.7.6F, Box 8.

Archives Team: Robert Browning, Pauline Eichten, Fritz Hoehn, Louise Merriam, Carol Miller, Betsy Moore, Deb Woodburn



Plaque in narthex
R. Foushée

March and April Parish Hall Artists

The Power and Wonder of Nature

Presented by Unity's Art Team

Our Unitarian Universalist faith reminds us that nature commands our attention and deserves our respect. Nature has the power to transform our lives. She constantly amazes and delights, calms and comforts us, with awe-inspiring beauty. But she also horrifies us with unimaginable destructive forces.

Unity's Art Team is sponsoring a Parish Hall exhibit in March and April that focuses on the positive forces of nature and celebrates the beauty that surrounds us. Sometimes it's harder to see the beauty in this crazy, chaotic world — but the three talented artists participating in this unique two-month exhibit will open your eyes to nature's ever-present bounty.

The Art Team hopes you will be delighted, inspired, and amazed as you view nature's displays over the next few months — both in our natural world — and in our March/April Parish Hall nature exhibit!

Marie Panlener's watercolor landscapes will transport you to peaceful places of serenity and beauty. The transparency of the color lets the light through and reflects off the paper, bringing a luminous quality to each of Marie's inviting scenes.

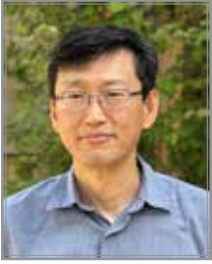


The unique, ethereal compositions of **Terry McDaniel's** ice photos will captivate and amaze you, and leave you asking, "How did she do that?!" A love of gardening propelled Terry to develop a way to preserve and share the beauty of her garden gems!

And, **Brian Poulton's** photographs resemble paintings with softer edges and brush strokes, rather than the sharp-focus and high definition of most photographs. His unique photo-painting technique of water in all its various forms will awaken in you a new respect for this vital and beautiful natural element



MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Pitter-pattering Questions

[...like raindrops on the window, and little feet running through the house]

Rev. KP Hong, Minister of Faith Formation

We can all appreciate everyday acts of common courtesy that preserve the fabric of our society. From thanking the barista for our coffee, to holding the door for the person behind us, to quieting our phones and monitoring our voices in public places, such ordinary acts of courtesy function within the bounds of expected norms and social conventions. But what about courtesy in challenging circumstances, when a deeper respect and consideration for others requires courage to risk discomfort? To stand up for another, admit mistakes, show magnanimity in conflict, or act against societal norms that may be contrary to our values? Is there an intensified form of courtesy, a more compelling regard for the other, which encloses within it courage strong enough to go beyond simple politeness and recruit us into a broader ethic of responsibility?

Such intensified, courageous courtesy is synonymous with hospitality in the later work of renowned philosopher Jacques Derrida, a profound commitment to attending to the “other” in a world of increased migration, encounter with difference, and the right of asylum. “Is not hospitality an interruption of the self?” asked Derrida. Does not hospitality require that I surrender security, control, and extend courtesy into every aspect of their experience — from the way they are greeted at the door, to the consideration of their needs, to the warmth and generosity in interactions which overturns the sovereignty of the self?

I think of a Buddhist nun who shared this from her retreat: “Something was troubling me, and I went to seek guidance of the monk leading our retreat. We sat down in the garden, under the full moon. He looked for a moment at the moon, then folded his robes under and assumed the lotus position. He closed his eyes and said, ‘Now I am ready to listen.’ I must have talked for over an hour, and when he opened his eyes, he said, ‘I understand what you are saying.’” She concluded, “When someone listens like that, your life is up for grabs.”

Your life is up for grabs? When was the last time someone attended to your life with such disciplined, courageous courtesy that your life felt up for grabs? When you were offered such unqualified courtesy as to unveil the great mystery of your “one wild and precious life,” and your life felt truly up for grabs?

Children exemplify lives that are continuously and indiscriminately up for grabs, irresistibly drawn to the immediacy and intimacy of each moment, drawn by birthright to the mystery of existence like bears to honey. Isn't this precisely what often exasperates and overwhelms us as grownups, our children's ever-changing, mercurial, erratic selves in stark contrast with our adult penchant for the conformity and reliability secured in the long stretch of identity? Just watch the sacramental chemistry of children playing together, mutually absorbing and becoming for one another the outward and visible sign of each other's inward and invisible reality. And all the while, we grownups would rather constrain such transubstantiation of self and other, limit the flux of possibilities from becoming too intrusive as to interrupt the sovereignty of the hard-fought self, and not have our lives so unbecomingly up for grabs. Who would begrudge such reasonable boundaries? Perhaps only this: that when our children feel their lives up for grabs by everything today in our precious and precarious world, what will grab hold of them and never let go are the thousand interruptions of a wondrously unseemly and unqualified love they have come to know, a love extravagant beyond reason and courageous beyond any semblance of good manners.

Sharing questions that pitter-patter across our sacred journeys...



Chalice Camp Registration opens soon!

Week 1: July 7-11

Week 2: July 14-18



Chalice Camp is offered Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., for children and youth ages 5-13.

Campers going into 7th or 8th grade will be part of our senior camper program.

If your child would like to serve as a Chalice Camp counselor, please watch for an application when registration opens.

Campers will explore the heritage and history of Unitarian Universalism through varied and engaging activities, everything from puppet shows to field games. Campers will get to participate in traditional camp activities, arts and crafts and lots of outdoor play time, all with an emphasis on learning the basics of Unitarian Universalism—understanding the inherent worth and dignity of themselves, their peers, and the world around them.

Details and registration will be available online at unityunitarian.org/chalice-camp.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Music Notes

Ahmed Anzaldúa
Director of Music Ministries

My main musical focus during the month of March will be a program of music by Johann Sebastian Bach and Osvaldo Golijov. On April 5, Border CrosSing will perform at The Ordway, and I'm excited to bring them together with the Unity Singers and with a group of choral singers from the community that have sung this music before with me. This is a program that bridges centuries of music and storytelling and at its heart is Osvaldo Golijov's *Oceana* — a modern reinvention of the Bach cantata form, setting the prophetic poetry of Pablo Neruda to music that is grand, urgent, and full of wonder.

So much about the world right now feels like it's meant to make immigrants like me feel small and worthless, incapable of epic, ambitious, greater-than-life things. Nearly everything I see and hear and read has a subtext that says, *be ashamed of who you are*. Even the well-meaning folks who are trying to help, many from this very church, say things that make it seem like they are incapable of seeing us as more than "the people who pick our fruit" and "work in our kitchens" and "clean our houses," rather than a vital piece of this nation of immigrants. (Not to mention that pretty much every migrant farmer and kitchen worker has a journey and a wealth of experience that most people can barely imagine.)

That is why this performance means so much.

Golijov's *Oceana* is a prophetic work where "crashing waves have disappeared, the seas and the songs of travelers have passed away." Using the same transcendental musical language that Bach employed to celebrate God and the sacred, *Oceana* mourns the loss of the oceans while embracing their mystery and power. It transcends the petty smallness of everyday life and connects us to the infinite. This program pairs *Oceana* with Bach's monumental motet "Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied" BWV 225 and the watery cantata "Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam" BWV 7, ending with Golijov's motet "Demos Gracias." These works, centuries apart, illuminate deep and rarely highlighted connections — revealing a shared grandeur that transcends time, culture, and geography. I love the fact that this program also somehow connects J.S. Bach, a Lutheran German composer in the 18th century; Osvaldo Golijov, a Jewish Argentinian composer; and me, a Mexican-Egyptian who grew up in a Muslim family. Our stories, backgrounds, and beliefs are vastly different, yet our music speaks to the same human longing for something greater, for something sacred, for something that connects us beyond borders and time.

Working on this music has been my antidote to feeling small. The music and poetry of *Oceana* are vast and full of wonder. The works by Osvaldo Golijov stand up proudly next to those of J.S. Bach, reminding us that we are awesome in the most literal sense of the word. Our stories as migrants are not footnotes. They are epic, ambitious, and greater-than-life.

I hope you'll join us for this extraordinary performance and that you will help spread the word. Tell your friends, your neighbors, your communities. This is music that demands to be heard.



Border CrosSing Presents

Oceana

Saturday, April 5 | 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Ordway Concert Hall
Tickets: bit.ly/oceanatix25

Unity Church
Youth Musical
March 20, 21, 22, 2025

Arthur Foote
Music Sunday
May 4, 2025

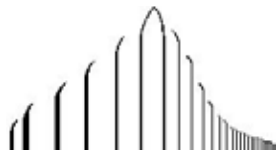


One Voice Mixed Chorus Presents

Weather: Stand the Storm Concert

Saturday, May 24 | 6:30 p.m.
Ted Mann Concert Hall
Tickets and details: onevoicemn.org

Hymn Sing | Wednesday, March 12 | 7:10 p.m. | Robbins Parlor and Zoom
Sing the hymn; discuss its music, text, history, and theology; share personal reflections on the music and its meaning.



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All Our Fullness

All Our Fullness (AOF) is an initiative to connect all of us at Unity Church more deeply by sharing our stories with each other. Listen to Rev. Oscar's stories and read reflections from Unity's community on the AOF blog page at unityunitarian.org/all-our-fullness.

Please submit your thoughts and experiences about cultural identity, differences, and your dreams for beloved community using the online form at bit.ly/AllOurFullness.



Red Cross Blood Drive Donors Needed Monday, March 17

Donation appointments are available from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter UCUpaul.

Volunteers are also needed. If you are interested, please contact Heidi Birkholz at heidi@unityunitarian.org.



Unity Church Youth Musical

A Happy Little Yak-cident
March 20, 21, 22

Find details on page 9!

